



Luther Memorial Church

## Holy Communion

PENTECOST 24

SUNDAY, NOV. 12, 2023 | 10:30 AM

## Welcome!

Please silence your cell phone in the nave.

### LIVESTREAM BROADCAST

This service is livestreamed on our website at [www.luthermem.org](http://www.luthermem.org) and YouTube. Cameras are installed in the nave, and worshipers may occasionally be visible on this broadcast.

### PARKING

Free parking is available Sundays in the Grainger Hall parking ramp, one block east of the church, off Brooks Street. For closer access, parking is available in the garage under the church off Conklin Place alley.

### RESOURCES

T-coil audio is available in the nave. Ushers can provide hearing assistance and a wheelchair, if needed. Prayer shawls are available in the narthex.

### CHILDCARE

Infants and children are welcome in worship. Changing tables are located in the restrooms. A staffed nursery is available Sundays 9:15-11:45 am.

### LEARN MORE

If you would like a pastor to call, or want to learn more:

- Please fill out a pew card and place in the offering plate
- Visit us online at [www.luthermem.org](http://www.luthermem.org) or Facebook

**PRELUDE** *Lied from 24 Pièces en style libre* | Louis Vierne

## GATHERING

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.**

**We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**

**Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake, God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

*Please turn and face the cross as the procession approaches the altar.*

**#521 PROCESSIONAL HYMN** O Day of Rest and Gladness

### APOSTOLIC GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## KYRIE

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.  
Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.  
Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.  
Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.

## GLORIA

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Glo - ry, glo - ry to God in the high - est,  
*p* and — peace to his peo - ple on earth. *f* Lord — God, —  
*p* heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther We  
wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your  
*f* glo - ry, we praise you for your glo - ry, *f* Lord, — Lord, —  
*p* Je - sus Christ, — *f* on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, *f* Lord — God, —  
*p* Lamb of — God, you take a - way the sin of the world, have

mer - cy on us, — You are seat - ed at the right hand of the

Fa - ther, re - ceive our pray'r, re - ceive our pray'r.

For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord.

You a - lone are the Most High, — Je - sus Christ, —

with the Ho - ly Spir - it in the glo - ry of God the

Fa - ther. A - men. A - men.

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God of justice and love, you illumine our way with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**Amen.**

### WORD

*Please sit.*

#### FIRST READING Amos 5:18-24

Alas for you who desire the day of the Lord! Why do you want the day of the Lord? It is darkness, not light; as if someone fled from a lion, and was met by a bear; or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall, and was bitten by a snake. Is not the day of the Lord darkness, not light, and gloom with no brightness in it?

I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them; and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon. Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps. But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please sit.*

## SERMON

*Please stand.*

#244 HYMN OF THE DAY Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

... Lord in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

## PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*Please greet your neighbor: Peace be with you.*

## MEAL

*Please sit.*

## OFFERING

MUSIC AT THE OFFERING Cantad al Señor | arr. Gerhard M. Cartford

*The text may be found at hymn #822.*

*Please stand.*

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray.

**Blessed are you, O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

**Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the words "The Lord be with you. And al - so with you." The second staff contains the melody for the words "Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord." The notes are simple, using quarter and eighth notes with stems, and are accompanied by a simple bass line.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

**SANCTUS**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

heav-en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

**THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

You are indeed holy... until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ is ris'n. Christ will come a - gain.

Remembering, therefore... now and forever.

A - men, a - men, a - men. A - men, a - men.



*Please sit.*  
**AGNUS DEI**



Je - sus, Lamb of God, have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins, have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world,

grant us peace, grant us peace.

### **THE COMMUNION**

*All baptized Christians are welcomed to receive Holy Communion. We receive the Body of Christ (bread\*) in our open hands. Christ is fully present in both bread and cup. The Blood of Christ (wine) may be received in any of three ways: by drinking from the first chalice, by dipping the bread (intinction) into the chalice, or by drinking from an individual glass poured from a second chalice.*

*\*Gluten-free bread is available on request.*

### **COMMUNION HYMNS**

- #488 Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness
- #785 When Peace like a River

*Please stand.*

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **SENDING**

### **BLESSING**

Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Please turn and face the cross as the procession approaches the font.*

- #439 **RECESSIONAL HYMN** Soon and Very Soon



**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE** Improvisation on “Soon and Very Soon”





## TODAY FROM THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Lord Jesus Christ, let me seek you by desiring you; let me find you by loving you, and love you in finding you.

I confess, Lord with thanksgiving, that you have made me in your image, so that I can remember you, think of you, and love you. But that image is so worn and blotted out by faults, and darkened by the smoke of sin, that it cannot do that for which it was made, unless you refashion it. Lord, I am not trying to make my way to your height, for my understanding is in no way equal to that, but I do desire to understand a little of your truth which my heart already believes and loves. I do not seek to understand so that I can believe, but I believe so that I may understand; and what is more, I believe that unless I do believe, I shall not understand. Amen.

*Anselm (1033 - 1109)*

## SERVING TODAY

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| PRESIDER             | Pastor Brad Pohlman                          |
| PREACHER             | The Rev. David Berggren                      |
| ORGANIST             | Andrew Schaeffer                             |
| ACOLYTES             | Alex Thiele, Judy Braham                     |
| ASSISTING MINISTER   | Christopher Beaver                           |
| COMMUNION ASSISTANTS | Panka McGuire, Derren Slinde, Corbin Slinde  |
| CRUCIFER             | Bruce Curtis                                 |
| LECTOR               |  |
| SACRISTAN            | Karen Harris                                 |
| AUDIO                | David Heins                                  |
| VIDEO                | Randy Eide                                   |
| HEAD USHER           | Jeff Van Fleet                               |
| USHERS               | Derren Slinde, Corbin Slinde, Phyllis Pleuss |

Today's music setting is from Franz Schubert's German Mass.

Our thanks to the Youth Choir for singing today.

Altar flowers are given by Robert & Marsha Steffen in honor of all living veterans, and by Jeff Van Fleet in memory of his mother Nancy on the anniversary of her birthday.

Today we remember the inurnments of Mercia Andrews and Arthur Swenson in the LM columbarium. The congregation is invited to visit the columbarium and read their pages in the memory books.

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